

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative during the February 15, 2002, telephone interview.

This Amendment amends claim 15 by replacing the word "hydroalkenyl" with the word --hydrosilyl--. This amendment is not made to distinguish over the cited prior art. No new matter is added.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance or places the application into better form for appeal should an appeal be necessary. The Amendment does not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims, does not raise the issue of new matter, and does not raise any new issues requiring additional search and/or consideration since the Amendment is directed to subject matter previously considered during prosecution. Furthermore, the amendment above is necessary and was not earlier presented because it is in response to issues raised in the Advisory Action. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claim 15

15. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polyorganosiloxane composition D is in the form of a silicone elastomer comprising crosslinked alkenylsilyl group-carrying and [hydroalkenyl] hydrosilyl group-carrying constituents.